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In re Application of:)
Masahiro SHIRATORI et al.)
Application No.: 10/777,213) Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: February 13, 2004) Examiner: Unassigned
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Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-14995. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-315981. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-227276. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,
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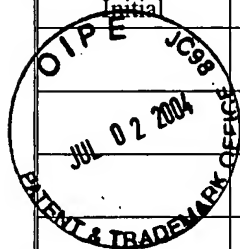
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	64-14995	Jan 19, 1989	Japan			abstract	
	8-315981	Nov. 29, 1996	Japan			abstract	
	8-227276	Sep. 3, 1996	Japan			abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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